# WHAT WE'VE LEARNED SO FAR

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#### THE HISTORY OF DISABILITY

Disability History started in 400 B.C.

Disability meaning is a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities.

The first residential facility for the feebleminded in the united states opened in 1848 called the "experimental School" located in the city of Boston.

#### **BACK THEN**

- ☐ Those with intellectual Disabilities were not treated fairly ☐ They were denied the right to autonomy ☐ Given up for adoption ☐
- ☐Treated as no human value
- For centuries, society as a whole treated these people as objects of fear and pity

#### **SOCIETAL VIEWS**

- $\Delta$  Viewed as monsters
- $\Delta$  Deformed
- $\Delta$  Useless
- $\Delta$  Worthless
- $\Delta$  Unworthy of society
- $\Delta$  Illiterate
- $\Delta$  Misfits

#### WHAT IS STERILIZATION

• Sterilization is defined as the elimination of the ability of a person or animal to 1947 fiscal year the produce offspring, as by altering or removing the reproductive organs. Lead then to decline to 20 the

- In Delaware
  - Sterilization occurred between 1923-1963.
  - The first law was passed in 1923
  - There were 945 Sterilizations in Delaware
  - 50% Female 50% Male

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#### **STERILIZATION**

- Used to prevent the spread of mental diseases
- They wanted to stop propagation
- Criminals, Homosexuals, those with mental Illnesses, disabled, feebleminded, insane, low IQ's, Ethnicity, were all sought to be sterilized by doctors order.
- Close to 1/3 sterilized were considered mentally ill while more than 2/3 were considered mentally deficient.
- The highest rate of sterilization took place between 1927-1937 approx. 44 people were sterilized per year

#### WILLIS LYNCH

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I\_vWZlgQOz0#action=share

Sterilized at the age of 14

Put in a juvenile detention center and was sterilized because they thought he was mental.

- **▼** No facts
- ▼ No proof
- ▼ Just assumptions!

### IQ'S

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WANTED: PARENTS -Children like these for are not nearly enough prospective adopting clude those with physical, emotional and monta older children, and children of minority group

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Journal. Every Evening

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is a condition under which rain does not develop nor wherein the body green of the brain stands still, or

Mental retardation may be present at birth or may begin early in life, At least 70 diseases ar mishaps are known or suspected as its couses.

aree out of every 100 chilldren born are mentally retarded. according to estimates of the National Association for Retarded Children.

The means that more than 300 starded children will be born Delaware next year. If three entally retarded, there are 6,000 or More in State

that same rate, Delaware ald have about 10,000 reeded persons. Experts in the are estimate it has at least 10 maybe more.



Journal. Every Evening Nov. 15, 1955

Care of Mentally III in Delaware

By M. A. TARUMIANZ, M. D.



RIOR to the establishment of the Delaware State Hospital, all the indigent insune were treated in the county almshouses, and were as well treated no their limited means would afford. In 1889 it was decored advisable to care for all means or noestally ill in a separate institution. The State purchased from the Trustees of the Poor of New Castle County a ten-were tract of land and one large

" dong, searthly furnished and it need of repair and agral overhauling

The State Board of Trustees, the controlling power withe hospital, consisted at that time, and still conrece, of nine members, three from each county, A vision was made that one of the three trustees from one of the countries is a physician in good standing, and mo time, all the members from each county are of

the same political faith and opinion The law did not specify as to what types of swetni an should be committed to the hospital for ears. Two patable physicians, who have been in practice for e years in the State, could commit anyone who was stally ill, to the State Hospital, provided the cerleate was approved by one of the members of the said. It is abvious that many cases who needed short spital care had to be legally committed to the hortal to obtain such care.

In spite of our better understanding of mental nesses and kindler attitude toward these countal cases, are still exists a certain stigme to those who have been gally committed to any state loogotal, and this igure clings to their even after they are discharged com the huspital, and harns then not only socially, but

Delaware was among the first of the states to proide for all means patients to be cared for is a bisapital apported solely by the State. It is true that the against building and facilities were quite inadequate, not it was a nucleus for further development and progcon. Soon after the establishment of the original milding, the condition of over-growing became scale, and it was divisited to build an anger to the main built g. This was followed by two more buildings. infortunately, all these buildings were designed for stention rather than for modern care and treatment of patients. It seemed supersuids, inwerer, to provide or the successe is population rapidly enough, and the sons onto such a modern hospital where all the f would be available, and where proper treatment be instituted. It is true because of lack of f was a matter of evolution rather than covolution. ditions were slowly improved from year to yes departments were established, the resident, visiti consulting medical staff increased, and living con To treat patients successfully, it is vital to

The present State Board of Trustees dec

transform a State Hospital for detention of insi

the proper physical mount, that is, proper be faculties, equipment, etc. After having obphysical means, of proper hospitalization, it is than essential to have well trained, experiences adequate personnel. To have proper personne must be proper quarters, and adequate salari these who are prepared to carry on the work, false economy to save a few thousand dollars in e ing the services of inefficient individuals, and having proper housing facilities, for eventuall State is the one who suffers seamonically by being t to care for more and more chronic rases. Havin in view, the State Board of Trustees decided to po a twenty-year development plan. In 1928 th prepared and presented to the Governor for autor to the Legislature. This plan provided for the be of 15 units at the cost of \$2,576,500.00. Th planned to give adequate living quarters for a theopationts and 175 employees. These plans were care worked ont, with the oses-tance of an architect, an serv, and a consulting hospital expert. It was plotted that these units should be built in free groups, and pleted by 1941.

The Legislature did not pass these places, as do due to a general tack of funds.

The first group of units consisted of a Psychi Observation Clinic, a hospital building for privat tients, a building for only re-educational group, a long for male continued-treatment group, a healthin female continued-treatment group, a residence physicians, a moses home, remodeling of the main ug, and the accessories for the buildings, at the of \$1,319,000. Instead of this amount, the Logish appropriated the sum of \$478,000.00, which was and for erecting the payer intercoherration climit building for female continued treatment group, portion of the murses hums. These hubblings were pletted at the beginning of 1901, and humsel

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WILKINGER, SEPTEMBER, 1932

The Child Nobody Knows:

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#### **EVOLUTION OF TERMINOLOGY**

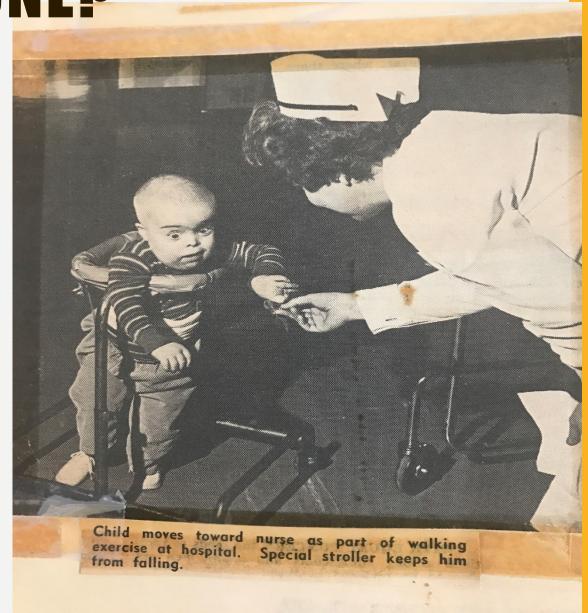
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- **∞ Mentally Retarded**
- **∞ Mentally Deficient**
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- **∞** Handicapped
- ∞ Feebleminded

#### Current

- ∞ Intellectual Disabled
- ∞ Individuals

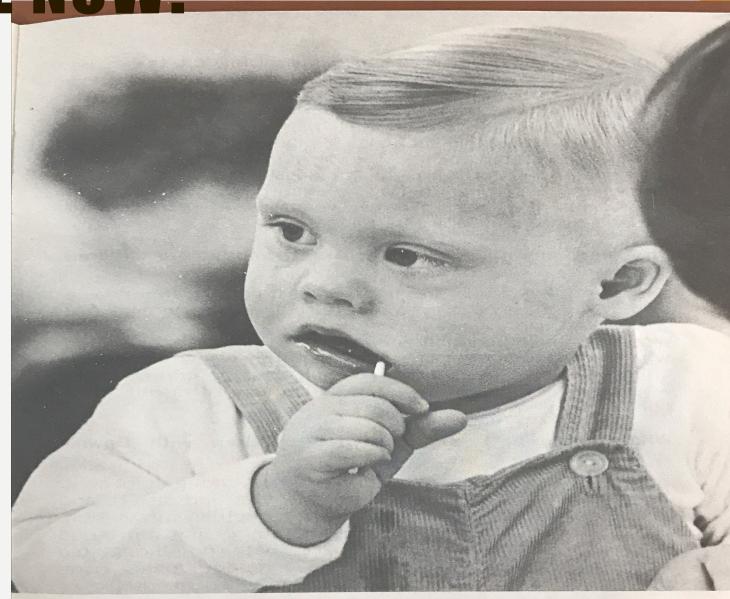
#### WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

- ADA
- Employment and social welfare polices
- Education
- Transportation
- Rehabilitative Services
- Advocacy



#### WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- Still Fighting
- Technology Improvement
- More support
- More findings/Research
- Disability History Project
- Disability Awareness



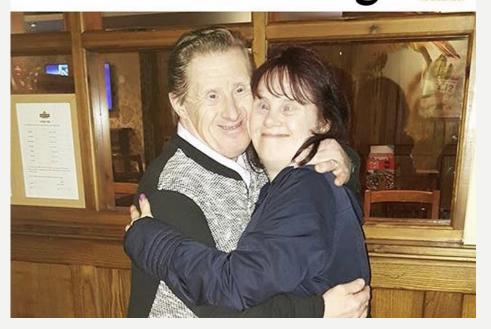
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#### CONCLUSION

## Couple With Down Syndrome Celebrates 22 Years Of Marriage!



- This is where we are now, thank you to those who have dedicated their life to making this all possible.
- In loving memory of those who suffered torture of sterilization.
- There is a plan and a purpose, a value to every life, no matter what it's location, age, gender or disability.
- -THANK YOU